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As a citizen and long time resident of Connecticut I wish you to know how strongly opposed I am to S.B.1094, a ban on high capacity magazines.

With the passage of this bill you will be criminalizing a good segment of Connecticut's decent and upstanding citizens for absolutely no purpose. Pass this bill and many of them will not even be aware they are now found criminals, some may ignore it, while others will move out of state to avoid it.

Actual criminals will ignore it, as any measure to deprive a citizens right to defend themselves will further their aims.

This ill conceived measure will do nothing to lower crime or protect Connecticut citizenry. Three ten round magazines may be worked almost as fast as one thirty round magazine. In the Virginia Tech massacre, the killer fired 174 rounds and reloaded many times, spending hours going room to room. Would it matter if he used a ten round or fifteen round magazine?

9-11, New York social club arson massacre, Oklahoma City bombing, D. C. sniper, the last school massacres-- none of these required a high capacity magazine, only the evil intent of a twisted mind.

If you insist on such feel good legislation, then why not make it an additional penalty to use a high capacity magazine in the commission of a crime.

Do you know how small a 15 round pistol magazine is. Is it not possible if I owned six or eight of these, which were quite legal for the past thirty years, that I might not have left one (unloaded of course), at my workbench or other place in my home without realizing it. What if one were discovered after I discarded mine, in the belief I was obeying this legislation.

I am 64 years of age, 50 years a Connecticut businessman, veteran of foreign wars, three children, supporter of my community.

Do you really want to make me an unwitting felon, and send me to prison for ten years?

Is it possible for any Connecticut resident, who has possessed an item legally for many years, to suddenly (within 90 days), in many cases with no knowledge of it, become a felon. This, without any intention of breaking the law, a person who has led the life of a good and decent citizen.

Do you want to add yet to another exodus of decent , tax paying residents from Connecticut.

Please --- do not support such ill-advised, useless, damaging, legislation.

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